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Editorial Briefs

A New Booklet

The fourth of the series of booklets is just from the press and will be mailed to subscribers in a few days. It is by brother C. F. Yoder and its title is, "Some Significant Tendencies of the Times." This little booklet should go into the hands of every member of the Brethren church, and we hope it may. It is somewhat larger than any one of the three formerly published, containing 64 pages. A more extended review of the book is reserved for another time. The price is the same as that of the others, ten cents. The four will be sent prepaid for 25 cents. There should be as many subscribers to this series as there are subscribers to the EVANGELIST. They are issued as second class mail matter under the general title, "Brethren Library," four numbers of which make a volume. The first volume is now complete. We shall be pleased to receive orders for the whole series.

Do They Stay?

Do your young people stay in the Sunday-school as they grow up? If not, why not? Where do they go when they cease to be "children" in the sense that we use that term? If your school is to be an ideal one there must be found in it men and women, boys and girls and children, a whole church engaged in the study of the Bible. What becomes of the young men who grow up in your school? Do they come into the church and remain in the Sunday-school? It might be well for pastors to make inquiries into these matters and see whether or not they are losing their material, the very material they need to keep up, not only the school, but the church also. What would a good shepherd do if he found that among the lambs growing up into "sheephood" one-half of them were lost to him? He would at once institute a search for the open gate thru which they go out into the world and are lost. Are not the boys and girls of more value than lambs and sheep? What profit is there in bringing the children into the

school and teach them the word of God, if after they have been in school eight or ten years, they drop out and are found, neither in the church nor in the school? Does not that mean a loss of effort? It is a thwarting of the very purpose for which the Sunday-school exists. Pastors, look for the leak thru which the boys and girls escape.

That Does It

President Cyrus Northrop, of the University of Minnesota, utters what is profoundly philosophic and true and eminently practical when he says: I have an impression that the permanent effects of Sunday-school teaching are largely impaired by the very general habit of reading ephemeral fiction, which leaves little or no impression, and only helps to kill time pleasantly. It creates a mental habit of forgetting, and it also creates a habit of not feeling anything unless highly wrought—with various other evils. And the flood of this fiction—even of what is not immoral—is simply immeasurable.

Good Advice

Mr. Lincoln's reprimand to a young military officer who had been court-martialed for a quarrel with an associate, is truly golden counsel for every young man. He said, "The advice of a father to his son, 'Beware of entrance to a quarrel, but being in, bear it that the opposed may beware of thee,' is good, but not the best. Quarrel not at all. No man, resolved to make the most of himself, can spare time for personal contention. Still less can he afford to take all consequences, including the vitiating of his temper and the loss of self-control. Yield larger things to which you can show no more than equal right, and yield lesser ones tho clearly your own. Better give your path to a dog than be bitten by him in contesting for the right. Even killing the dog would not cure the bite."

Personal Mention

Brother W. J. H. Bauman reports an applicant for baptism from Morrill, Kansas.

Brother W. H. Miller reports three baptism at Center Chapel and two at North Manchester.

Brother Gillin and wife are spending a brief vacation at Anoka, Minn., the home of the latter's sister.

Brother Josiah Keim who has been at Louisville, Ohio, for the past two weeks, returned to Ashland on Saturday night.

Sister Hattie Kanaurer reports three accessions to the Bethesda congregation, now served by brother D. M. Rittenhouse.

Brother J. Allen Miller spent last Sabbath with the people of Glenford, preaching for the congregation served by Brother Burnworth.

Brother J. D. McFaden reports eight accessions by relation to the congregation which he serves with good prospects for continued growth.

Brother and Professor L. L. Garber, of the College Faculty, has returned to his home in Belleville, Ohio, where he will spend part of his vacation.

Brother Gillin evidently does not believe in a righteousness that is not righteous. And why should he? What the world needs to-day is more of the righteousness of Christ, the spirit of right

doing under all circumstances, more civic righteousness, commercial righteousness, more righteous righteousness.

Brother C. H. Marks has been called for the fourth year as pastor of the Gravelton congregation. One half his time is yet open for engagement.

From Brother Rensch we learn that the Mexico, Indiana, church has called brother P. M. Fisher to the ministry. He will be ordained Sunday evening, July 14.

Brother E. H. Smith certainly deserves credit for keeping the work going in New Jersey under a smeltering sun which drives the mercury to 103 degrees in the shade.

The readers of this paper will be glad to hear from Brother Lichty whose communication appears on another page. We trust to hear from him more frequently in the future.

Sunday July 7, the Goshen people had an all day service six miles east of town. Brother Bemenderfer preached one of the sermons. We presume Brother Rensch the other.

Brethren Wise, Bole, Wampler, and Bowman were the most active members of the third missionary conference of Pennsylvania, recently held at Jones Mills, a report of which is published in this issue.

Brother Ditch thoroughly enjoys the west and the west thoroughly enjoys him. The joys of the preacher and the joys of the people therefore are mutual. His labors are much appreciated by the congregation which he serves.

In the absence of the pastor Brother Oberholtzer preached in the College chapel Sabbath morning. His text was "Ephraim feedeth on wind." Many Christians are doing the same thing and they are very lean in consequence thereof.

Brother Martin Shively come to his readers this week with some interesting notes from the great State of California. His church news is always interesting and helpful. We are glad to learn that the Holsinger book is about completed and ready for market.

A letter from Brother Furry states that he has improved some in health, and hopes to be ready for his work in the College next fall. He expects to live awhile among the "everlasting hills of God," and breathe the pure, invigorating mountain air that brings new life and health to the body.

Personal reference to advertisements in this paper is made only when we are positively certain as to the merits of the article advertised. We can vouch for the Japanese Cement advertised on page 16 of this issue by brother J. T. Kolb. The article is all right. It has been applied to furniture in our own home and without any exception it is the best thing we have ever used. Try it, you will find it just as recommended.

Special attention of all pastors, secretaries and other officers of congregations is call to the notice by brother W. H. Miller. The importance of more accurate statistics has been often emphasized in these columns. In order to secure such statistics it is absolutely necessary that our statistician has the co-operation of the whole brotherhood, the work is a difficult one at best, and without the co-operation of pastors an impossible one. Surely it is not too much to expect all pastors and others in a position to assist in the work to do all in their power to gather the most rel-